

**NEBRASKA STATE PATROL
EXECUTIVE PROTECTION/CAPITOL DETAIL DIVISION**



**THREATENING OR INAPPROPRIATE CORRESPONDENCE
REPORTING CRITERIA**

Correspondence that contains the following references or information should be immediately reported to the **Executive Protection/Capitol Detail Division** of the Nebraska State Patrol.

Threats

Report all threats of harm to an elected or appointed official, or any other person, received by written correspondence or telephone conversations IMMEDIATELY. Threats may not always be direct or specific, but could be veiled ("You're gonna get it!") or conditional (You better help me or I'll . . .).

Inappropriate Correspondence

Although usually directed toward an elected or appointed official, threats may be made concerning staff or other persons. Any correspondence/conversation that makes reference to:

- ◆A special history shared with the mentioned party.
- ◆A special destiny shared with the mentioned party.
- ◆A direct communication (belief that there is direct communication between the mentioned party and writer).
- ◆Religious and historical themes involving the mentioned party (including when the writer admonishes the mentioned party to change his/her lifestyle).
- ◆Death, suicide, weapons, etc.
- ◆Extreme or obsessive admiration or affection.
- ◆Obsessive desire to contact the mentioned party including plans for meetings, interest in home address, etc.)
- ◆A debt that is owed the writer by the mentioned party (not just money but any type of debt).
- ◆The mentioned party is someone other than himself/herself (an imposter, a historical figure, the writer's relative, etc.)
- ◆Persons who have been attacked in public (Lincoln, Lennon, Sadat, Kennedy, et al).
- ◆Persons who have carried out attacks against public figures (Oswald, Hinckley, Sirhan, et al).
- ◆Mental illness (psychiatric care, anti-psychotic medication, etc.).
- ◆Bodyguards, security, safety, danger, etc.

Beyond these general categories, please include anything that is disjointed in content, sinister or otherwise questionable. This should include bizarre or unreasonable solicitations. We will return anything that, after assessment, does not meet reporting criteria.

Writers will often start with a letter, receive a response, and then send questionable material later. If you recall the writer has had a response in the past, please make note of that and attach it to the letter. When placing notes and notations on material you are sending us, it is best to use Post-It notes, as they do not damage evidence as do staples and tape. Always include envelopes, even if they are torn. **NSP will need the original piece of correspondence. You may wish to make a copy for your records.**

The above criteria should also be applied to cards which arrive with flowers, telephone messages, or any other type of communication. **IF CONTACT IS BY PHONE, USE THE PHONE THREAT CHECKLIST PROVIDED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL.**

Prompt notification regarding threatening and inappropriate correspondence should be made to:

**Nebraska State Patrol
Executive Protection/Capitol Detail Division
State Headquarters
P.O. Box 94907
Lincoln, NE 68509-4907
(402) 471-2645**

out side of Lincoln your local State Patrol office or local law enforcement office.